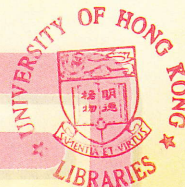


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The two articles on China, one in the SAR and the other in mainland China, in this issue are really at odds with each other.

The mainland article deals with individuals struggling, as many millions of others do across the world, to come to terms with their sexual orientation. On the other hand the best statement the Tongzhi Conference with great self-aggrandisement could make is exactly, word for word, what was said at the previous conference in 1996!

What's even worse is the hype the Tongzhi Conference hides behind. With old chestnut statements like "What works in Western societies may not work in family-centred Asian cultures." Amazingly eight of the fifteen countries delegates are from Western countries!

How difficult is it, we wonder, for overseas Chinese to make declarations that they don't have to live with on a day to day basis?

It may have escaped the short-sighted organisers that most of the Gay activists in Hong Kong over the past five years are in-Tongzhi-talk-"non-Chinese".

That Gay politics are at a very low ebb in Hong Kong will come as no surprise to most of us. We live and work with it most days of the week.

It continues to be a major source of disappointment to many Gay people in Hong Kong that extremely few local Chinese, and none of the Gay organisations, can be bothered or make the effort to confront the lack of protective legislation or Gay rights in Hong Kong.

Scratching our heads to remember the last occasion when anyone said or did anything worthwhile for Gay rights in Hong Kong almost caused us to have such a migraine that we gave up trying!

It doesn't bode well that the only conference on Gay issues in Hong Kong in 1998 chose to dwell on negative issues.

When we have to ask will this town and the so-called activists wake-up and face reality? There aren't going to be any changes to our place in society unless and until they take up the burden and all that goes with it.

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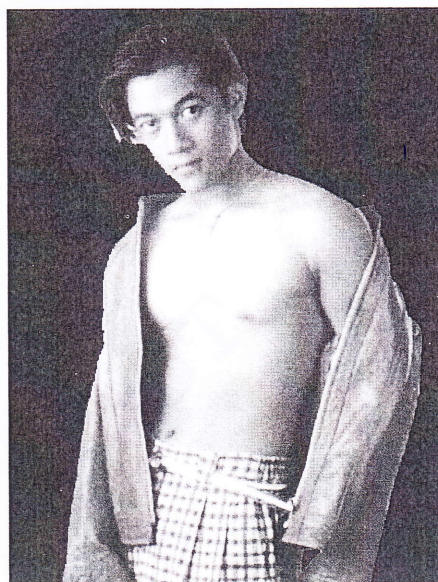
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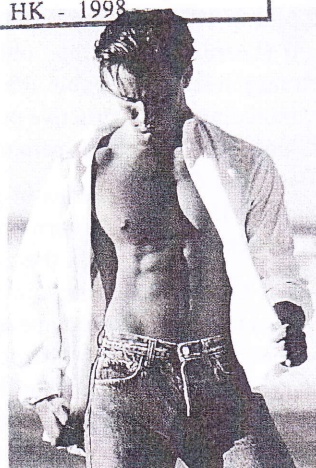
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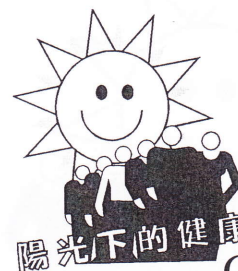


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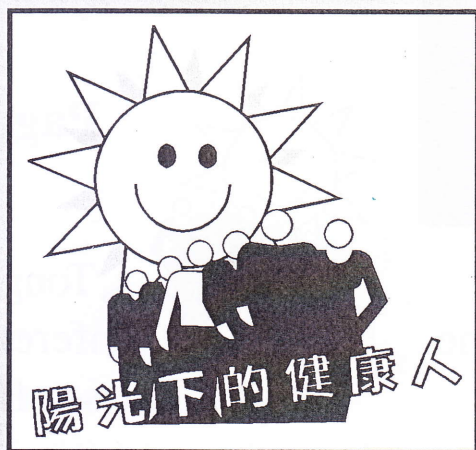
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After 14 months of preparation, the 1998 Chinese Tongzhi Conference was successfully held in Hong Kong from February 5 to 8, 1998. Two hundred Tongzhi (Lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people) from 17 countries and regions, including (in alphabetical order) Australia, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Vietnam, attended.

The theme this year was "UNITY"—that Chinese Tongzhi from around the world can (sic) gather together to discuss, share and reflect upon the issues that are close to the hearts of Chinese Tongzhi worldwide, so that they may interact and be enlightened by each other, grow together, raise each other's levels of consciousness and commitment; and to build a network of worldwide Chinese Tongzhi.

The conference, which took place in a tranquil setting in Mui Wo, on Lantau Island of Hong Kong, was the largest of its kind ever. During the four-day three-night event, a number of issues were discussed by 17 panels. Four panels, including the Opening Keynote Session ("Voices from Female Tongzhi"), were devoted to issues regarding female Tongzhi and gender politics.

Tongzhi communities in mainland China was another major focus of the Conference. Mainstream opinion (academic, media, medical & mental health profession

als) in China still view homosexuality as deviant behavior requiring treatment. Many Tongzhi have to disguise as a "normal" heterosexual in the public and lead a secretive double life, which has caused destructive psychological damages to their personal development.

The les-bi-gay movement in many Western societies is largely built upon the notion of individualism, confrontational politics, and the discourse of individual rights. Certain characteristics of confrontational politics, such as through coming out and mass protests and parades, may not be the best way of achieving Tongzhi liberation in the family-centered, community-oriented Chinese societies which stress the importance of social harmony. In formulating the Tongzhi movement strategy, we should take the specific socio-economic and cultural environment of each society into consideration.

There were two panels on Aids — one focusing more on a personal level with three PWA's from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Thailand as

panelists; the other more on politics and strategies. Other topics discussed were religion, media, coming out, racism, etc. Entertainment events included a cultural/variety performance night, and a BBQ/campfire evening. A concurrent Tongzhi book fair was held, exhibiting over 100 Chinese Tongzhi book titles.

A press conference was held at the end of the Conference. So far the Conference was covered in depth by such newspapers and periodicals as Asiaweek (Chinese Edition "Yazhou Zhoukan"), Hong Kong Standard, Oriental Daily News, Apple Daily, etc. A television crew from CTN also broadcasted the event. The press were invited to interview 15 Chinese tongzhi, a representative sample of well-known activists, artists, writers, and Aids education workers in their respective communities.

Proceedings of the conference will be published, promised organisers, as a book by May 1998.

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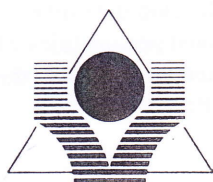
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New Zealand

Prime Minister Jenny Shipley became the first head of state to attend the large annual Gay HERO parade Feb. 21. "I welcome the diversity of our New Zealand community today," she said. "All New Zealanders have a right to celebrate their own culture in their own way." The parade, attracted extra attention this year after Auckland City Council refused to provide its customary funding for the event. Auckland Deputy Mayor David Hay said Shipley's appearance "sends out very negative signals to the young people of New Zealand. It's obvious she's doing it to endorse their [Gays'] lifestyle and their behavior." HERO Project head Mike McSweeney said Shipley's move was "a very visible gesture of support for what the HERO parade stands for." Even though it rained, about 100,000 people attended this year's festivities.

Mexico

The president of the Mexican Red Cross has defamed people with HIV and should be removed from his post, says the Mexican Federation of Sexual Education and Sexology. In a media interview, Jose Barroso Chavez said: "We have many other needs and if 10,000 die from AIDS, there are a million people with respiratory or digestive health problems. I believe it is far more important to help the 1 million than the 10,000." Barroso Chavez also recently said, "I really feel that the more you promote condom use as means to prevent becoming infected, the more infected people there will be."

Italy

Rome police have launched a series of raids against Gay bars and outdoor cruising areas, activists report. Among the clubs closed down on legal technicalities is the very popular Qube and The Drag Cafe, activists said. The actions suggest the beginning of a "clean up" in advance of Rome's year 2000 jubilee and a reaction to plans for the Gay Rome World Pride 2000, activists charged. "They know that within the next few weeks we will announce the Rome World Pride 2000, and are afraid of the impact this will have on the society at large," said Imma Battaglia, president of the Gay group Mario Mieli.

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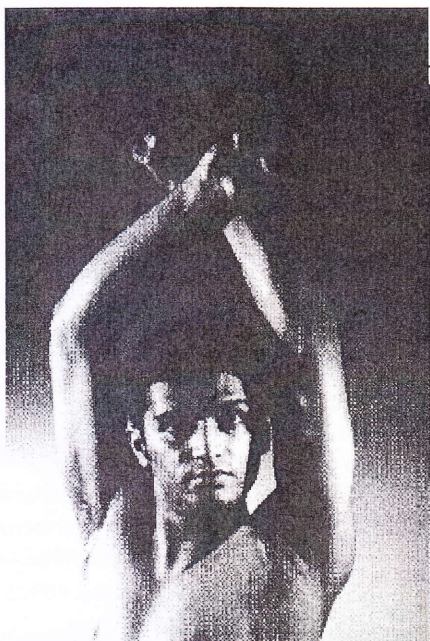
The age of consent for homosexuals in Britain will be reduced from 18 to 16 this northern summer after the Government decided to bring forward the date of a free vote for MPs on the issue. The proposal to bring the age limit into line with that for heterosexuals will have the backing of the three main party leaders and will almost certainly gain a huge majority in the House of Commons. An amendment will be made to the Home Office's Crime and Disorder Bill. The legislation, currently in the House of Lords, is likely to reach the Commons within three months.

After intense lobbying, the Government has agreed to give Parliament a chance to change the law before the summer recess.

Three years ago, the Commons voted to reduce the homosexual age of consent from 21 to 18, but defeated moves to cut it to 16 by 27 votes. After a ruling last year by the European Human Rights Commission that the two-tier system discriminates against Gays, the British Government agreed to drop its opposition to legal challenges by two young homosexuals and refer the issue to Parliament at the "earliest opportunity".

Australia

Melbourne, Gay clubs The Laird Hotel and Club 80 have asked the state Anti-Discrimination Tribunal for permission to ban women. They seek an exemption from equal-opportunity laws because, "Young Gay men feel intimidated and are not able to develop their own social and recreational personalities when going to mixed venues," said their lawyer, Neil Brown.



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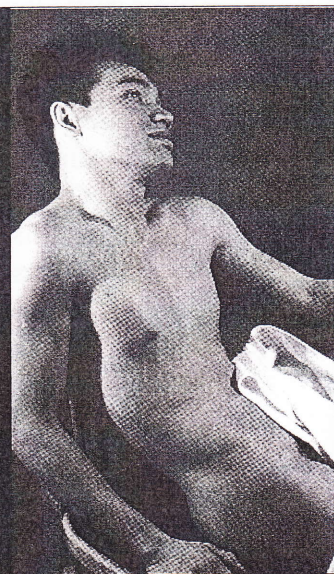
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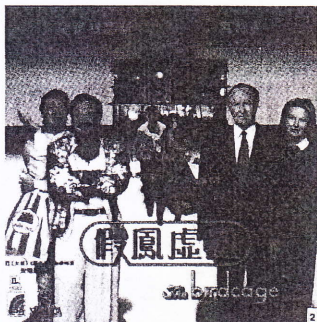


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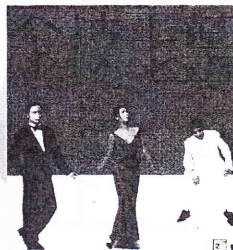
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Movies

It seems like years ago when Gay and Lesbian films were regarded as niche, alternative and offbeat. Straight or not, most regular movie goers would at least consider films with Gay and Lesbian themes as a distinct genre which delivered a variety of successful features. These included Academy Awards winners *Philadelphia*, and *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and box office hits such as *The Birdcage*. Of course, not forgetting *Happy Together* by Wong Kar-wai.

Still a taboo in certain places, the theme of homosexuality is more acceptable it seems by audiences when it is implanted by intriguing story plots and human conflicts. This is actually the case, argue film critics, with most movie genres and themes. The average audience can easily be absorbed into the plot and the situation faced by the characters and then feel sympathetic and compassionate towards them. *Philadelphia* was arguably the first mainstream Hollywood film to deal with AIDS and the Gay community. Director Jonathan Demme played the game safely, casting Tom



Hanks and Denzel Washington in two dramatic and conflicting characters in a courtroom drama, where Hanks ultimately won both the case and an Oscar.

Priest, (screened recently on TV) on the other hand, is more daring and provocative. It deals with homosexuality and religion and even incest with uncompromising frankness. However, stirring up controversy is clearly what director Antonia Bird wants to achieve. With stunning performances by Linus Roache and Tom Wilkinson, the film presents tortured and agonised characters who question the issue of faith. Two similarly tortured characters are

Jeremy Irons and John Lone in *M. Butterfly*, which is based on the alleged true story of a French diplomat who falls for a mysterious Chinese opera singer. He is lured into becoming a spy and finally ruined his life, only to find out "she" is a man.

Chen Kai-ge's *Farewell, My Concubine*, on the other hand, depicts the suppressed relationship between two Peking Opera stars through 50 years of social upheaval. Leslie Cheung's portrayal of the younger "brother" painfully in love (with a jealous Gong Li on the side) reminds us that *Happy Together* is not his Gay debut.

To the surprise of a lot of people, there were in fact more than a few Gay films produced by filmmakers from Hong Kong, Taiwan and even China. The *Wedding Banquet*, which was regarded as the first outspoken Gay film even to originate from Taiwan, not only positioned Taiwanese movies in the community

of renowned world cinema, it also marked the beginning of a Hollywood career for director Ang Lee. Newcomer Tsai Ming-liang's second film *Viva L'amour*, a visit to youthful alienation and rootlessness with a touch of Antonioni, won a Gold Lion Award for Taiwan at the Venice Film Festival. This probably



explains the incentive behind the Taiwanese government's funding for these films - exploring room to manoeuvre on the international scene.

While Hong Kong out director Stanley Kwan (*Centre Stage*, *Full Moon in New York*) is still expected to direct his first authentic Gay film, Peter Chan has

already attracted Hollywood's attention with his anti-gay box-office hit *He's a Woman, She's a Man*, in which Leslie Cheung ironically portrays a homophobic music producer. Recently, darling of the critics Wong Kar-wai took the first bite with his Cannes Best Director winner *Happy Together*, a film which

compares the relationship between a pair of Gay couples with the 1997 Hong Kong Handover. The party has just begun as mainland China director Zhang Yuan has also turned up with his Gay version of



Interview With a Vampire, Dung Gong Xi Gung. Once filmmakers realise the marketability of the Gay genre, we can expect a lot more such films to come.

Although many of the films classify themselves as Gay really that's a

misnomer. It would be far more accurate, and honest, to say most of the films in this article, for example, are about Gay people.



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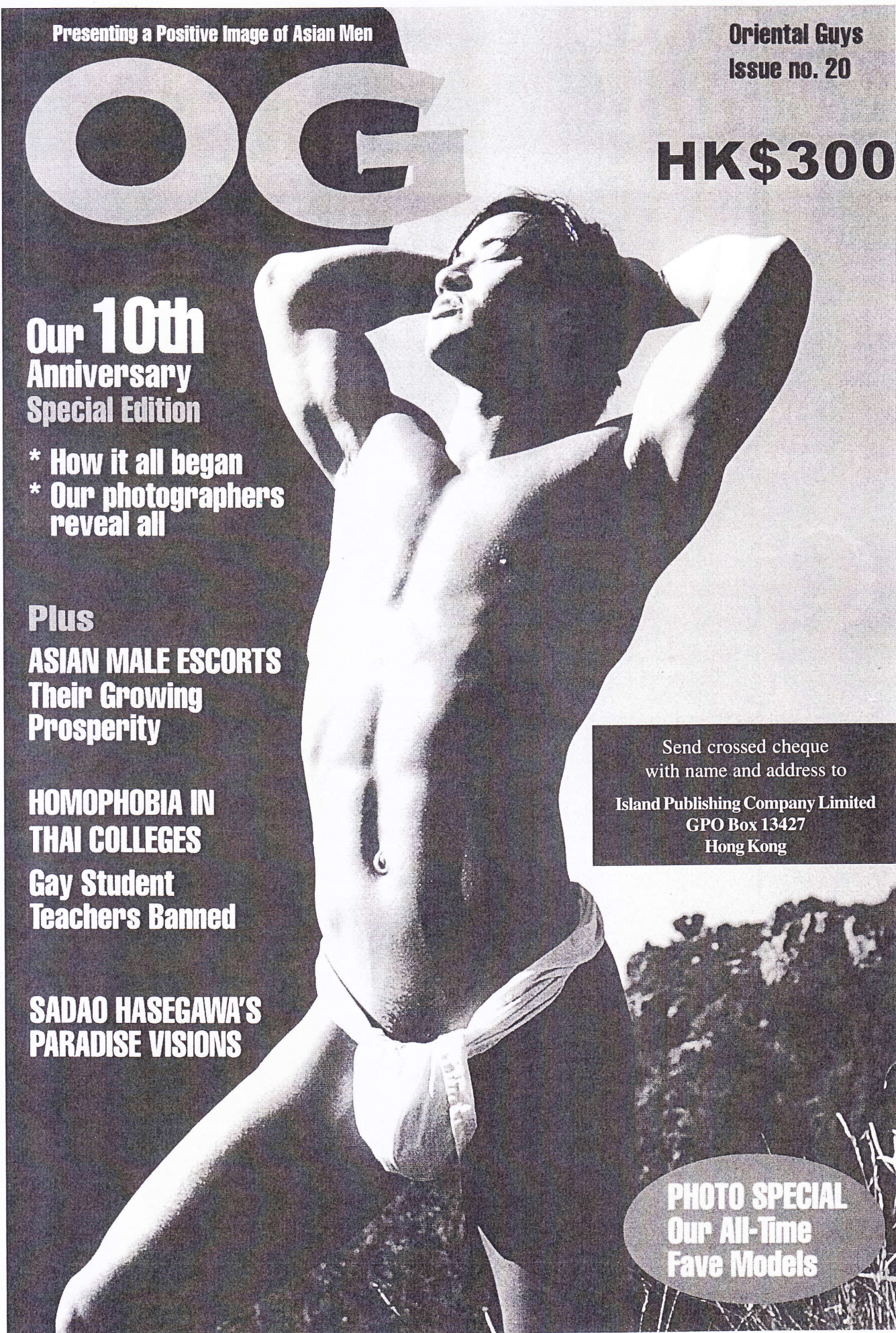
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GAY LIFE IN CHINA

Growing Tolerance, Continued Persecution

By Wen Huang

China's first open Tongxinglian (homosexual) bar, Half and Half, is located in a small lane in Sanlitun, Beijing's foreign embassy district. In recent years, a number of western-style bars, dance clubs, coffee-houses and glitzy restaurants have cropped up in the area transforming it into a hot night-life spot for diplomats, foreign business people and Beijing's yuppies. On a recent Saturday night, like other night-clubs in the area, Half and Half was packed with a well-dressed young crowd. They chatted at the tables to the loud pop songs of Janet Jackson and Celine Dion and cruised the men who walked in. A couple leaned on the bar counter, sipping Budweiser and Carlsberg beer, kissing each other affectionately, totally oblivious to their surroundings.

"It's great to have a place like this. We can meet other Gay people and just be ourselves", said 36-year-old Zhang, a stock broker who does not want his real name used. He was half-heartedly watching a live broadcast of a soccer game while glancing around.

Zhang comes to meet his Gay friends at the bar every Saturday. During the past couple of years, he said the police showed up a couple of times. "They knew we were not doing anything illegal and they just left us alone, he added."

To Hua Zhen, a 20 year-old worker from Dalian in the north-eastern part of China, coming to Beijing and visiting the bar means a lot to him. "I always knew I was Gay. When I was in high school, I liked to hang out in the gym, admiring the bodies of other boys. Many of my classmates called me freak and sissy. I thought I was abnormal too. I tried to check all the medical books and couldn't find anything about homosexuality. I tried to date girls but I was not attracted to them," he said.

Two years ago, Zhen read a newspaper article about Gays in Beijing. He decided to take a look. "I met a lot of Gay people here. It made me feel good and normal because I was not alone. They all shared the same experience with me", Zhen added.

"Several years ago, a resident in Beijing would probably tell you that there are no homosexuals in China. Now, many people know

about this bar and they have become aware of our existence", he said.

To Long Liu (not his real name), a 42 year-old scientist in Beijing, visiting the Gay bar three years ago was a big step in his life, even though he felt a little out of place among a much younger crowd.

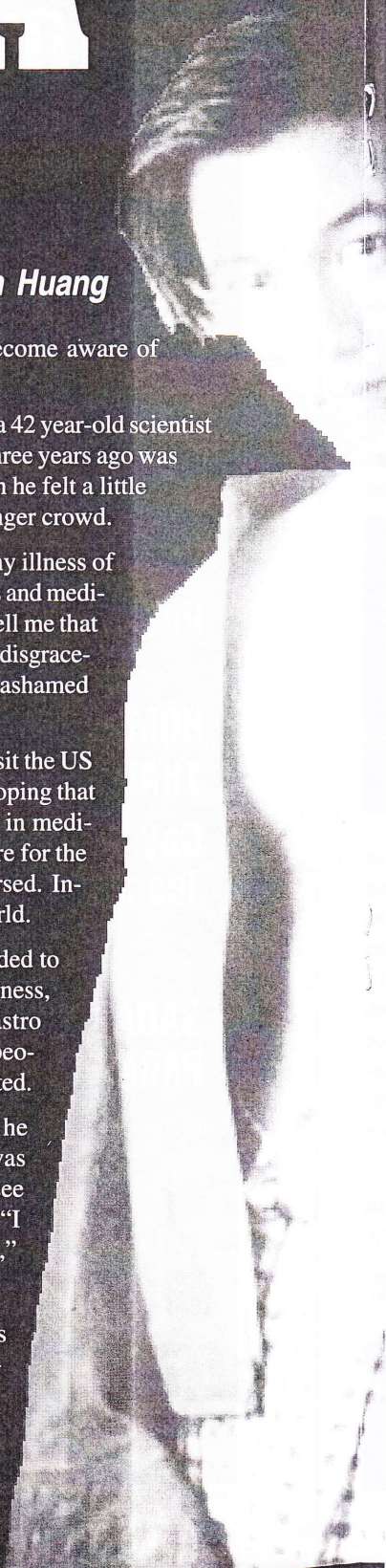
"For years, I have tried to cure my illness of loving men. I visited psychiatrists and medical doctors. My parents used to tell me that homosexual behaviour was more disgraceful than raping your sister. I felt ashamed of my feelings", said Liu.

In 1993, Liu got the chance to visit the US on a business trip. He was also hoping that since America was so advanced in medical treatment, he could find a cure for the feelings that made him feel cursed. Instead, he found a whole new world.

"In San Francisco, when I confided to my American friend about my illness, he laughed. He took me to Castro Street and I saw thousands of people like me. I was thrilled," he stated.

When he returned to Beijing, he found out about the bar and was equally shocked and thrilled to see so many fellow Gay Chinese. "I found my cure here. I am normal," he said.

Eric Wang, who prefers to use his English name, is a 25-year-old hotel worker in a tight Calvin Klein T-shirt and black Lee jeans. In the Gay community, he is considered Kang Yang Qiang (car-



rying a foreign gun), referring to Chinese who date a foreigner. He came out to his family and his co-workers three years ago and said they were quite accepting. "I don't want to live a double life. I love men and I'm proud of it," he said, as his lanky body swung to the rhythm of Madonna's Material Girl.

"We admire Gay people in the US, they can live openly with their lovers. It's so romantic," he added. Wang attributed the increasing number of Gay people coming out of the closet to China's economic reforms.

Wang continued to say that the Chinese government used to control every aspect of people's lives through the local work units, which assigned people their housing and offered them health care. As these state enterprises crumble under the market economy, more people are switching to privately owned or foreign joint vent

tures.

"We now have the freedom to move around the country. We are now able to rent our own place anywhere in the city. Our employers are less nosy about our private lives," Wang said.

Another sign of China's growing tolerance toward homosexuality is a legal case in Anhui province in central China. In 1993, a local court in central China dropped the case against two Lesbians who were charged with cohabitation. The judge said Chinese law has no explicit regulations on what homosexuality is and what criminal responsibility may pertain. Persecution is still prevalent.

While the bar provides an open venue for homosexuals in China to socialise, many Gay people are complaining that they live a life in shadows.

"Even though China does not have a sodomy law, homosexuality is still considered to be a western disease and an ugly social phenomena, an extremely indecent behaviour that runs counter to traditional morals", said Yanhai Wan, a Gay activist who was a former health educator and is now a visiting scholar at University of Southern California.

In 1994, a journalist named Gang Fang interviewed hundreds of Gays and Lesbians in China and wrote a book entitled *Homosexuality in China*. The book, which became an instant best seller, offered a positive picture of Gay life in China. It detailed their struggles with their sexuality and the discrimination they came across in their everyday life.

Zhongshun Chen, a well-known psychologist, who had openly challenged the Chinese government's policy that homosexuality was an illness, wrote in the preface, "There is no reason for us to discriminate against homosexuals. They are no different from you and me. They should be granted equal rights as other people".

Despite the efforts made by these open-minded journalists and scholars, such as Fang and Chen, the Chinese Psychiatric Association still puts homosexuality in the category of mental disorder.

Each year, during the governments' crack-

down in major cities on the bad elements of society, Gays are put in the same categories as street hooligans, thieves and burglars and are constant targets of police arrests. In 1996, about 100 Gays were arrested in a police sweep of a park in Beijing. They were released after having been detained for a week and having paid a heavy fine.

"More than 90 percent of Gays get married before the age of 30 because social pressure makes them believe they have no choice. But they continue to find Gay partners on the street, in parks or in public bathrooms. When they are arrested, they sometimes lose their family and their jobs", said Wan.

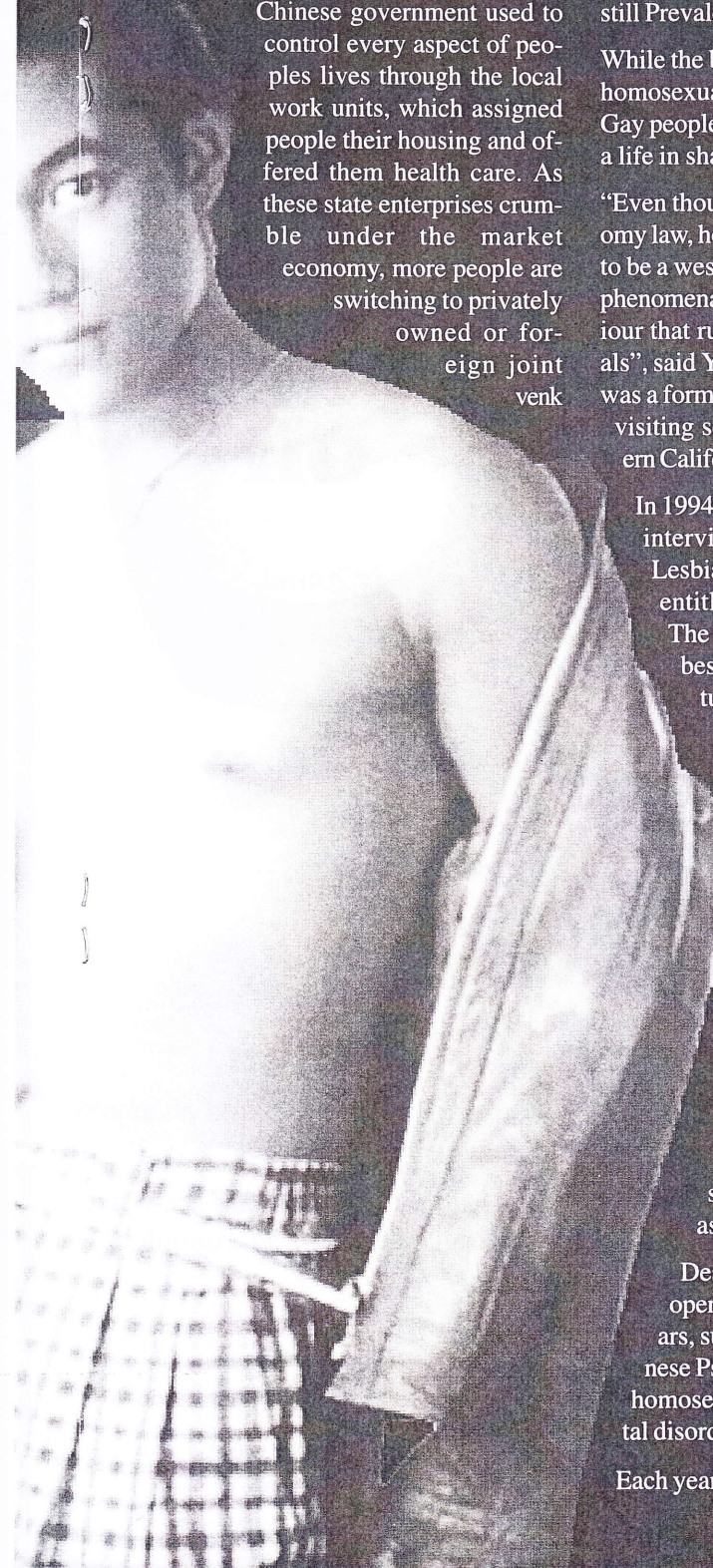
A case in point is 36-year-old Jason Lee, who has, for many years, lived with a deep fear of being discovered by his wife and his five-year-old son. His first homosexual encounter was with a college student at a ballroom dancing contest when he was 27.

"We dated each other for a year until my parents found out. They were shocked. The reason they believed I liked men was because I was too shy with women. They signed me up with several dating services. In China, if you don't get married by the time you are 30, people will think you are a weirdo", Lee said.

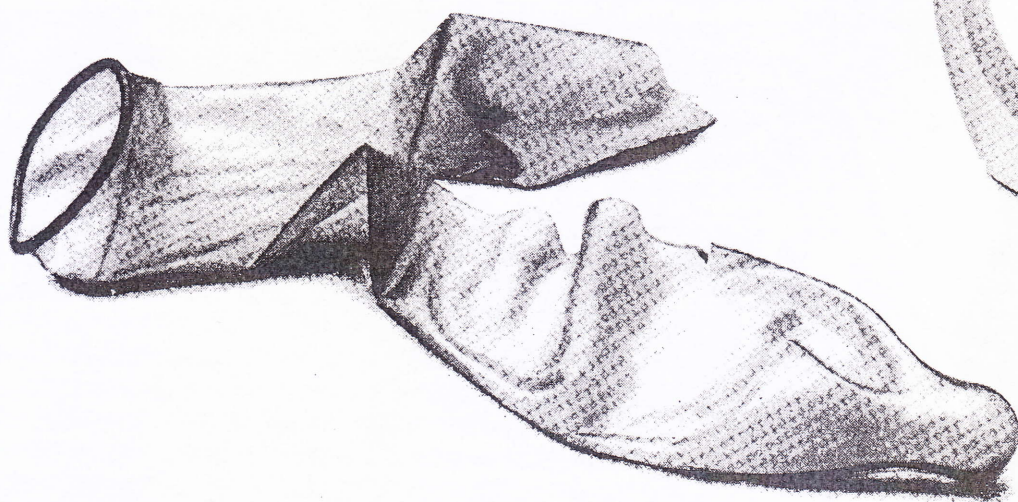
At 30, Lee got married with the hope that the marriage could resolve his problems. One year later, his wife gave birth to a boy. "I treated homosexuality as a bad habit and tried hard to give up and suppress my desire. However, after two years, I couldn't bear it anymore", added Lee. He started to meet people in the two public bathrooms east and west of Tiananmen Square. They used to be called the Eastern and Western Palaces among the Beijing Gay community until they were renovated and it became difficult to have tea-room sex there.

One night three years ago, Lee and 20 other Gays were rounded up by the Neighbourhood Patrol Committee (NPC), a volunteer civilian force, in a public bathroom at a back alley near Dongdan park. After imposing a fine of 500 yuan, an amount equal to his monthly salary, the police notified his mother.

"After I got home, my mother knelt in front of me and cried. She said I brought disgrace to the family and she would kill herself if I do this again. I felt guilty and felt I was cheating on my wife. I hated myself, but being Gay was a part of me I couldn't



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change. If I come out to my wife, she will leave me and take my son away. That's too much of a stigma", he said. Despite his arrest, Lee continued his escapades. Six months ago, he was busted for the second time in a park. Worried that his family might be notified if he was taken to the police station, he ran away.

"They chased me until I was cornered by a river outside the city. I jumped into the chilly water. The police waited at both sides of the river bank and laughed at me. I was in the water for more than an hour, shivering with cold", he recalled.

When he came out of the river, he was beaten up and sustained two broken ribs. The patrolmen then dumped him near a garbage can. Lee ended up in the hospital for six months. He told his family that he been robbed.

Lee's experience is not uncommon among Gay men in Beijing. Last month, Gay dissident Liu Shun, a former restaurant manager in Beijing, applied for political asylum after arriving in San Francisco on a tourist visa. He claimed that he had been detained by Beijing police in the summer of 1994; they beat and interrogated him for hours before raping him on the outskirts of city.

Fearful of being discovered by their families, most Gays are unwilling to report crimes committed against them. Consequently, because of their vulnerability, Gay men are frequently blackmailed by both criminals and police. A young doctor was recently caught in a park kissing another man. After he confessed to members of the NPC that he was Gay, he was told to give them three cartons of expensive cigarettes, 20 bottles of liquor and 200 yuan (a quarter of his monthly salary). In return, they would not tell his employer. "I had to cough up the money. A fellow doctor of mine lost his job and was publicly humiliated after his employer found out that he was Gay. He couldn't take it and he killed himself", he said.

Gay Rights in China

In 1989, the whole world watched as thousands of students in Beijing marched to Tiananmen Square, chanting for freedom and democracy. Among the demonstrators were 20 Gay men, carrying a banner that read Gay Rights in China. Facing the curious stares of onlookers, they held their heads high. Even though these Gay men were not captured on TV, this was the first time in modern Chinese history that Gays openly demanded equal rights. After the

Chinese government cracked down on the students' democracy movement in June 1989, Gay activists continued to promote awareness of Gay rights in China.

One of the most prominent Gay activists is 34-year-old Wan Yanhai. Wan's involvement with the Gay community started when he was an official at Chinas National Health Education Institute that was charged with disease prevention. To tackle the massive ignorance of AIDS in China, Wan and his colleagues started an AIDS hotline in Beijing that soon became well known among the Gay community.

"Some Gay men in China made the false assumptions that AIDS was a western disease and they were safe. Their ignorance led to unsafe sex practices. We conducted a survey in 1994 and found that only about five percent of Gay men said they used condoms frequently. Since most of the Gay men were married, it posed an even bigger threat", said Wan, with a pale face and ruffled hair, as he sat inside Beijing's largest McDonald's, two blocks east of a popular Gay cruising place near Tiananmen Square. Wan spent lots of time walking these spots to talk with Gay men about safe sex and to distribute condoms to them.

While the original purpose of the AIDS hotline was to educate Chinese about HIV before it spread as it did in the US in the early 1980s, Gays and Lesbians from all over China started calling in to discuss their struggle with their own sexuality. To offer a forum where Gay men could meet regularly and discuss homosexuality and AIDS, Wan set up Chinas first support group for Gays and Lesbians in 1992. It was a salon called Mens World, and it attracted a lot of media attention.

It was soon shut down by the government after the media reported that the salon promoted homosexuality in China. Wan was not ready to give up. "I knew that criticising the government policy wouldn't get me anywhere. I started to approach the Gay rights issue from the academic perspective", he said.

Wan solicited help from Chinas well-known sociologists and psychologists to support Gay rights and drew up policy recommendations that were presented to the government. With the help of Elizabeth Taylor's AIDS Foundation, he organised a nation-wide network of Gay activists and volunteers to bring awareness of HIV to the Gay community. He also published a newsletter offering the latest in

formation on AIDS education and treatment and the Gay movement in other countries. At the same time, he went on radio to help people understand homosexuality and wrote newspaper articles about Gay-related issues. Wan openly acknowledged his bisexuality, and he called on society to respect the rights of Gays and Lesbians. Wans outspokenness on Gay rights cost him his government job. Along with Chinas other dissidents who were involved in the democracy movement there, Wan ended up on the governments black list. During the World Women's Conference in 1995, Chinas Public Security Bureau sent him away from Beijing to stop him from talking to foreign reporters. His phone was tapped and he was constantly harassed by police.

Wan managed to leave China in 1997 when China decided to send its dissidents out of the country. He is now travelling all over the US, talking to various groups, trying to gain support for Gay rights in China. "Change wont happen too fast. It takes time", he said.

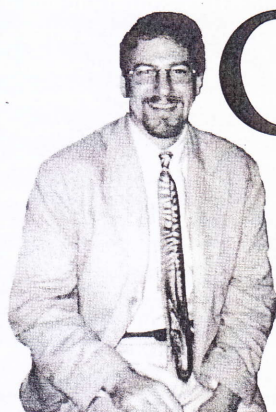
While Wan approached Gay rights from the perspective of a health educator, Zhang Hua, a painter, is using the arts to shed light on the sordid situation of Gays in China.

The 32-year-old Zhang came to grips with his homosexuality when he visited his mother in Japan in 1991. His stay there opened up a new world for him. When he returned to Beijing, he decided to try to make a difference in the Gay community there. First, he collaborated with Gay activists in other cities and published a pink directory, listing popular Gay meeting places in all the major cities. His next project was to publish a collection of photos taken by Gay artists.

"All the themes of these photos reflect the oppressive society we are in and the miserable life of Gays in China", he said.

Zhang believes that educating the public is the most important issue and that it will be an uphill struggle. "In a recent survey, 71 percent of those polled felt that homosexuality was not normal, about 34 percent thought it was against the law and only 12 percent thought there should be freedom of choice in sexual preference, but we are not giving up".

"Despite all these difficulties, I think China is ready for a Gay rights movement", he concluded.



Out On

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the Net

**Finding
People,
Places, and
Software**

There are lots of sites which promise to find people's e-mail addresses for you. The simplest, and one of the best, is Yahoo!'s People Search at <http://www.yahoo.com/search/people/>. The interface is very friendly. I searched for my own name, and their search engine found 3 of the 5 e-mail addresses I use, although it did think I lived in New York.

The Internet Address Finder at <http://www.iaf.net/> is another good resource, although their coverage seems less extensive.

You may prefer <http://www.whowhere.com/>. They have my Father's correct address and phone number, though he is not on the 'Net' (this usually only works for people in the U.S.).

For a good FAQ on finding people on the 'Net, see <http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/finding-addresses/faq.html>. If all else fails, you can try searching for personal names on Alta Vista (<http://altavista.digital.com/>). Remember to capitalize their names and use plus signs to limit the search (e.g. +Edward +Spodick). Searching USENET instead of the Web may also help.

If you're not looking for anyone in particular, but just for Queer home pages, start with the Hong Kong Gay Personal Pages at <http://sqzm14.ust.hk/hkgay/hkgay-pages.html>. Then go to <http://sqzm14.ust.hk/hkgay/> and select one of the links at the bottom of the page to browse through the Queering. Or look at the 'Gay Asian Ring List' at <http://www.longyangclub.com/rings/>, including a 'Gay Hong Kong Ring', and rings for Indonesia, Japan, and more!!

Finding Places There are several directories on the 'Net for finding places -usually business directories. Yahoo!'s <http://yp.yahoo.com/yahoo/yp.html> is good for

browsing by street address and/or city. An excellent search engine for companies with an on-line presence is <http://www.whowhere.com/Companies>. And unlike many other services, their listings are international in coverage. For U.S. business address listings, try <http://www.bigbook.com/> and <http://www.bigfoot.com/>

Don't forget to look at the Hong Kong World Wide Web Database at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/hkwww.html> for some local listings.

Finding Software There are lots of freeware and shareware programs available on the 'Net. The big web-based directories and browsable ftp sites are usually organized by operating system (OS), sorted by function. <http://www.shareware.com/literally> provides a one-stop resource

for almost every piece of freeware and shareware on the Internet. There is nothing better.

You can also browse local 'mirrors' of huge software archives, including the SIMTEL archive at <ftp://ftp.ust.hk/pub/simtel/> for PCs, the Info-Mac mirror at <ftp://ftp.hk.super.net/mirror/info-mac/> for MACs, and <http://perl.com/> for PERL software for all platforms.

Some companies, like Microsoft and Netscape, won't put their free software in these archives. CCST's ftp server has copies of the most recent web browsers, and you can access a local copy of the 'Official Microsoft Download Site' at <http://msdownload.hk.super.net/>. Remember to avoid illegal software, and to pay the shareware fee for software you decide to keep.

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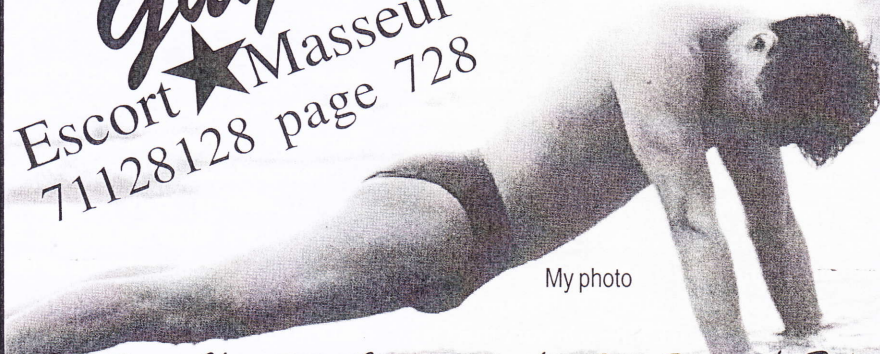
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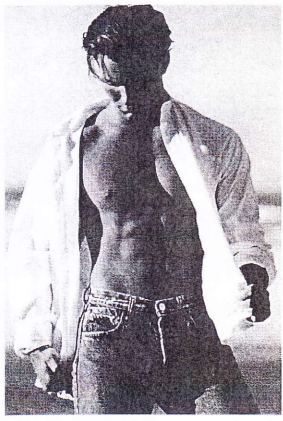
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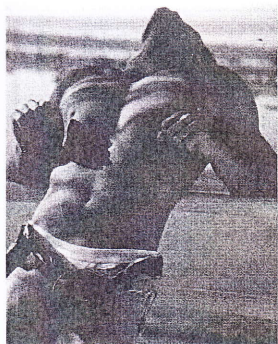
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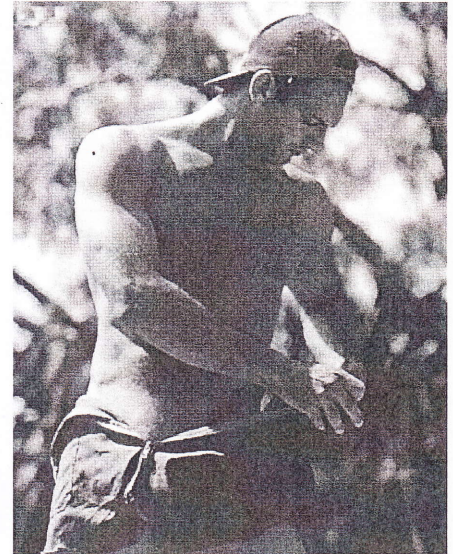
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書評

文可同志風

By Patrick Fok

文可風

一本令人看得舒服的作品.簡單的書名已坦白地交待自己的身份.封面那慎帶點傲氣的相片與書中文可風

感性的筆觸截然不同,但無論如何,作者不諱言的性格卻令我欣賞.

小說的最大特色是用一個故事,多個結局的方式來表達感情的多面化.作者說得好,同一段的感情,落在不同愛情觀的人手上,就會產生不同的結果,此外作者亦為每一個結局篇上名字,從忍耐,精神分裂到隔世激情,每個結局都顯示豐富的聯想.

文可風的自我風格亦表現於最後只得一個結局的故事.由漁塘邂逅的陌生人,發展成親密愛人,甚至得到雙方家人的認同.這樣近乎完美的結局,也怪作者稱自己很少故事能在平靜或快樂的氣氛中結束.

值得一提的是附錄「歲月流聲」中作者的每段經歷,「可風」這個名字原來是有意義的;作者亦將他生命中的三條支柱—母親、朋友及自我認定告訴給讀者.敘述中加插與母親及朋友的對話很有意思,大大加強作者「站出來」的說服力,真想想不到身為大哥哥的文可風在十七歲時就向母親「站出來」!

作者在後記的忠告亦充滿啟發性,他指出大多數年青人誤會站出來便等同於大明星,賺大錢.其實這是兩件完全不同的事,希望大家和作者一樣做個開心、健康及快活的人.

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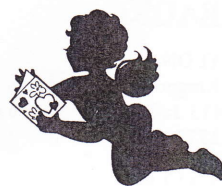
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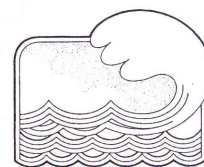
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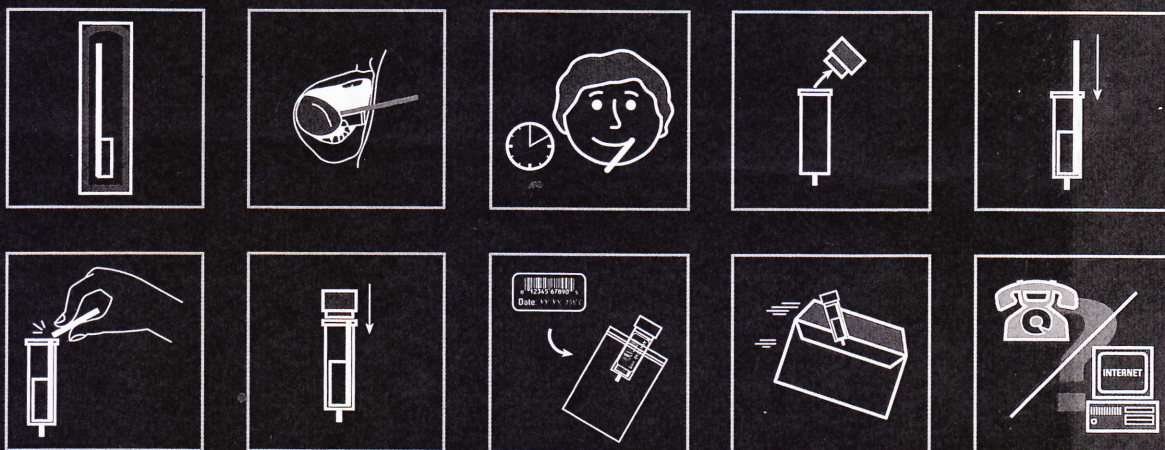
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